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DEALERS IN—

Agricultural Implements,

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Having made arrangements with large wholesale dealers, I will be prepared to furnish large quantities of lumber for buildings, such as I have not been in stock, direct from wholesale dealers, thereby securing the lowest price possible to be obtained.

Give me a call, and get my prices, before purchasing elsewhere. Feb 5-ly.

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Planing and Moulding Mills,

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AND LUMBER YARD.

I would call attention to my large stock of white pine Hemlock Lumber always in stock. Also, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Shutters & Mouldings, which I will supply at very reasonable prices. I am also prepared to furnish extraordinary indents in prices. Inquiries by mail receive prompt attention. All kinds of mill work to order. Pack baskets a specialty in their season.

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Stoves repaired on the shortest notice.

Roofing and spouting a specialty.

We hope by giving our personal attention to business, and making moderate charges, to receive a share of the public patronage.

Give us a call. ELIASON & BENSON, Middletown, Del.

Middletown Director.

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Judge of the PEACE—DeW. C. Walker.

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FOREST PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. John Patton,

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and 1 p.m. Lecture on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Sunday School in the Chapel at Armstrong's every Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Wm. C. Butler, Rector. On Sundays—Morning

Service at 10 a.m.; Evening Service at 7 p.m.

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Pastor. Service every other Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 3 and 5 p.m. Sunday School every Sunday at 1 p.m.

MASONIC.

ADONIRAM CHAPTER NO. 5, R. A. M. Meets

in Masonic Hall on the second and fourth

Fridays at 7 p.m.

OXFORD LODGE NO. 5, A. F. A. M. Meets on

the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8 o'clock, p.m. Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

DAMON LODGE, No. 12. Meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge room in the Town Hall.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

PEACH BLOSSOM GRANGE, No. 3. Meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Grange Room in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

I. O. O. F.

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 9. Meets every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Lodge room in Cochran Hall, No. 2, Cochran Square.

BUILDING AND LOAN.

MIDDELTOWN B. & L. ASSOCIATION.—Samuel

Pennington, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets on the first Thursday of every month at 8 o'clock, p.m.

MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLETOWN.—Jas. H. Scowdrick, Pres.; A. G. Cox, Secretary. Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 8 o'clock, p.m.

MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

E. W. Lockwood, Pres.; J. T. Budd, Secy.

Rooms in Tressaurer Building. Reading Room open every day until 10 o'clock, p.m.

Library open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 3 o'clock to 5 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

PENNS. AGRICULTURAL AND BOTANICAL ASSOC.—Wm. R. Cochran, President and Chairman of Board of Managers; J. B. Clarkson, Secretary. Annual Meeting fourth Saturday in January. Next annual will be held on October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1876.

DIAMOND STATE BRASS BAND.

Meets for practice every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

POST OFFICE.

Office Hours—Opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. every day except Sunday

Mails for the North close at 7:30 a.m., and 2:45 p.m.

Mail for the South close at 10:15 a.m.

Mails for Odessa close at 10:23 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mails for Warwick, Sassafras and Cecilton close at 10:23 a.m.

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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1876.

Our Washington Letter failed to come to hand this week from some unaccountable reason and as we waited until the end of the week in hope of receiving it our report of the doings at the National Capital is somewhat meager.

The impeachment trial of ex-Secretary Belknap draws its weary length along and, thus far, has made no perceptible advance towards its close or the accomplishment of its object. The counsel for the defense indulge in the usual practice of lawyers and make use of all the quibbles and technicalities that they are masters of, or that opportunity presents, to delay the case. In the mean while the business of the Senate is interrupted and the funds in the treasury of the United States reduced, and for what? Belknap is out of office and therefore no longer privileged from arrest, but by the resignation of his office has rendered himself amenable to trial by the courts. If he is convicted and impeached he cannot be turned out of office, for he is already out, the only (or chief) result then will be to disqualify him from holding office in the future. But suppose his trial should result in acquittal. What then? As the matter now stands Belknap has convicted himself, in public opinion, by his resignation; but what will be the effect should the Senate fail to find evidence sufficient to convict?

M. E. CONFERENCE.—The General Conference of the M. E. Church meets once in four years. The seventeenth quadrennial session commences in Baltimore on Monday next at 9 A. M. This body is made up of delegates elected by the Annual Conferences, in the proportion of one for every forty-five pastors. As the ministry exceeds nine thousand, the delegates will number two hundred and twenty-three, who, with one hundred and thirty-five laymen, will make a total of three hundred and fifty-eight.

There are eighty-one Annual Conferences. Some of these are in India, China, Africa, Germany and Switzerland. Some of the American Conferences are made up wholly of Germans; others of "American citizens of African descent." Each Conference has one or more delegates.

The administration of the twelve bishops who preside in these eighty-one conferences; the several denominational weeklies; the Book Concern with its million and a half of capital; the disbursement of several millions annually in various benevolent departments—all require revision and action. The sessions therefore occupy, never less than a month. And some changes proposed in reference to the Presiding Elder's office, and the increase of lay representation, with the possible election of two or more bishops, will lead to discussions which will probably occupy the month of May.

SINCE Wednesday week, the day on which the disbursement was commenced, the United States Treasury authorities at its different departments have paid out, in exchange for currency, about one million dollars in silver change. There are said to be some nineteen millions more yet in the vaults. At this rate it will take nearly five weeks to pay out what is now on hand. In the meantime the mints are still at work and large amounts are daily added to the already large stock, and by the time it is all out silver coins will be as abundant as the fractional currency notes have been. Just now, however, it remains exceedingly scarce; although a considerable quantity has been distributed scarcely any is seen in circulation. Mr. S. M. Reynolds, since last Saturday, has paid out in small change about \$150 in silver. Of this he has so far received back not much more than a dollar. It is yet a novelty: people have not become accustomed to it, and once they get it, hate to part with it. This will continue perhaps for some time, at least until the currency notes are all gathered in and change becomes so scarce as to force them to use the silver. As the currency notes are being rapidly exchanged for the silver, and thus taken out of circulation, this hoarding of the silver, which the merchants have taken so much pains to obtain, will cause much annoyance and inconvenience in business circles from the want of change. That people may see of how little use it is to keep it back, we give the following item in regard to the value of silver, taken from the New York *Bulletin*: "Silver is down to 53¢d. in London, which makes the subsidiary silver coin worth 84 cents to the dollar, and the proposed new silver dollar worth 88¢ cents. The proposed Jones Bogy silver dollar would be worth about 87 cents."

The New York Democrats held their State Convention at Utica on Thursday for the purpose of announcing their text for the election campaign of 1876 and to select delegates to the National Democratic Convention. As was to be expected the New York Democracy have announced their faith in Governor Tilden and expressed their preference for him as the candidate for the Presidency, but refused to instruct their delegates to vote for him in the conven-

tion. The action of the New Yorkers is highly commendable. It is all right and proper for them to prefer Governor Tilden to anybody else, and proper too for them to declare their preference, and as they stopped there, no fault can be found with them, and their example is worthy of imitation by other State Conventions. Mr. Tilden has proved himself, as Governor of New York, an excellent executive officer, and would doubtless make a superior President and if he is the only one of the many candidates whose names will be presented to the St. Louis Convention we would say unhesitatingly let him be nominated by all means. Or if his name would add strength to the party above that of any other candidate, that would be a sufficient reason, other things being equal, why should he not be our standard bearer. But we are not so well satisfied yet that Mr. Tilden is the only candidate who could be elected, nor do we feel so sure that he is the strongest, most available or most able man whom the Democracy can present to the nation. Against Mr. Tilden we have not a word to say and should he be nominated will give to the nomination our cordial adhesion. He will then be our first choice. But it seems hardly the fair thing that New York should have the naming of all the candidates. In 1864 she gave us McClellan; in '68 she gave us Seymour and in '72, Horace Greeley. As a general rule the *focus in quo* has, and should have, but little to do with the candidate's qualifications for office, but when other sections of the country can present, and do present, men equally as good as, if not a little better than, the State which has so long had the honor of naming the candidate, does, then it would look as if that State should be willing to defer a little to the wishes of the others, especially when that State has had no better luck with its candidates than New York has had in the last three Presidential campaigns. But let Mr. Tilden, or Mr. Bayard, or Mr. Thurman, or Mr. Hendricks or whosoever may, be nominated, we sincerely hope that it will be done with unanimity and good will and that there will be no quarrelling or violent dissensions in the convention. Let them but give to us a good man, and a sound Democrat (we want no more Greeley fiascos) and a sound conservative platform, and the people will give it their support all over the land. Resolve and promise as they may, and will at Cincinnati, the Republican leaders will make no permanent reform in the existing evils, but as they have ever done before so they will do again, and all their previous promises will be worth about as much as if they had not been made. The only hope of the country for escape from the evils which it suffers is in the success of the Democratic party.

NEW MEXICO.—The admission of New Mexico as a State into the Union will be constructing a State out of a territory that has scarcely population enough to send one member to the House of Representatives, under the present apportionment. It is therefore manifest that certain land and mining speculators are laboring to benefit their own pockets, and that certain political managers hope through the same agency to benefit themselves and their partisan friends. The arguments advanced for its admission are that it will stimulate emigration and induce capitalists to invest in stocks and mines, and that the rich Rio Grande valley will be brought under cultivation and its numerous resources developed. There is little doubt, however, that the first reasons given for the admission of this State are the true ones. The Republicans favor an early admission and favor the taking of the vote of the new Constitution in November next, while the Democrats are for postponing the election until June, next year. We think it would be well to wait until the two days for that purpose.

The report of the legislative investigating committee on the Pittsburg water ring shows that \$1,000,000 have been in various ways squandered on the new water works.

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WHAT IS NEEDED IN A PRESIDENT.—It is just as impossible to have a highly educated administration, with a low-toned President, as it is to have a high-toned household with a loafer at its head.—The thing is unnatural and impossible. In the next Presidential election the people really desire, we believe, to vote for and elect a gentleman and a statesman—a man who will associate himself in government only with gentlemen and statesmen, and who will only such to represent the government abroad.—The political and social tone at Washington is distressingly low. It does not represent the people of America. It represents the party politicians of America, and them only. They are our bane and our disgrace; and if they are permitted to hold their influence through another administration we shall have ourselves to blame.—From *Scribner's Magazine*.

The Georgia Democrats did not hold a State Convention Wednesday, but met in the congressional districts to elect delegates to St. Louis. Whether this was intended or not, it was an adroit way of dodging the presidential aspirant in search of a delegation pledged in his favor. Nine different conventions held at the same hour in the day would not hold out much prospect of concentrating upon any special presidential aspirant.

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[Communicated.] NOW AND THEN.

Last week the *Wilmington Commercial*, in an editorial commenting on the vote in the House of Representatives upon the Bristow investigation, says:

There was much squirming amongst the Democratic majority in being obliged to go on the record as to their views, and many members would have voted, no doubt, to keep the inquisitive secret. The next step should now be to force a vote on holding all the investigations with open doors. The present system is a public outrage and national scandal.

When the third story of the *Every Evening* building was a military prison and citizens of this and other States were arrested upon the unworthy statements of loyal and zealous scoundrels, and without trial, were incarcerated therein, the Republican press had no words of condemnation to utter. When Wm. Bright, of Wilmington, within five minutes walk of their office, was put under arrest, and without trial, consigned to Fort Delaware, the Republican papers were dumb. When, in 1863, Wm. Schnitz, Jacob Kurz, Francis Bradley and Samuel Morrison, were seized in Newark by those, as yet, unknown villains, Wenzl and Culbert, carried to Wilmington, insulted, cursed and abused, without trial put in the internal military dens, denied the very wants of life, and, for the purpose of more grossly insulting them, compelled to scrub the City Hall pavement, with drawn swords guarding their execution, the editors of the Republican papers looked on in cold indifference, uttering no word against the outrage perpetrated on American citizens, the insult, offered in the name of loyalty, to the Stars and Stripes, whose shadow draped the outraged men as they performed their allotted task. But now, when the Representatives of the people are endeavoring to unmask royal villains and purge from public places corrupt and dishonest officials, the Commercial cries out in holy horror, "severe inquisitions," and clamors to save the country from destruction, the committees investigating accusations privately. But Belknap is on trial and Babcock had a trial, so did Harrington, and who ever is found guilty of crookedness will be given a fair and impartial trial, and imprisoned only after guilt is fully established.

It ill becomes the *Commercial* or any other newspaper of respectability and standing in the Republican party to prate about national scandal because the dirty linen of their party is exposed to view, they had better, if honest, do all they can to aid in the punishment of their guilty scoundrels, who, whilst singing "Rally around the flag," were Judas-like, dipping into the bow. But the war is at last over, common sense again resuming sway, and the men who dared question the illegal acts of prating patriots, are once more looked to as the only safe counsellors to guide the country back to a secure haven, clearing its offices from the fetid mass of loyal corruptionists, and the Commercial must do as better people had to, whilst its friends were in power and oppressive, "grin and bear it."

General News Summary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swann, wife of ex-Governor Swann, of Maryland, died in Baltimore Tuesday, aged 64 years. She was a lady of high culture, and prominent as a patron of charitable institutions.

Nine young ladies received the white veil and became Sisters of the Order of the Immaculate Heart, at St. Cecilia's Academy, Scranton, on Tuesday. Right Rev. Bishop O'Hara was the officiant at the ceremony.

The United States Centennial Commission has appointed committees upon the questions of selling intoxicating drinks within the grounds and opening or closing the Exhibition on Sunday.

Over \$6,000,000 in gold coin, the proceeds of the sale of \$3,882,000 worth of the five per cent, funded loan, was sold at the New York Sub-Treasury on Thursday.

Many members of Congress are talking about accepting the invitation to attend the opening of the Centennial Exhibition, and take a recess of one or two days for that purpose.

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MARYLAND POLITICS.—The Frederick Times, a declared advocate of Mr. Blaine's nomination for the presidency, says of the recent republican primary elections in Baltimore city that "this whole affair from its incipiency has been a reproach and a disgrace to the Republican party, and we trust when the convention meets it will contain enough manhood and independence to ignore both parties to this unseemly and contemptible contest. It is really surprising, if not refreshing, to observe with a diabolical tone and haughty air those gentlemen assume themselves the leadership of the party in this State. Let the convention establish the fact that neither the tenacity of the officeholders nor the disgraceful warfare of the office-seekers can receive any endorsement from men who have the welfare of the party at heart, and in whom its patronage is not solely the governing principle."

The elections as far as heard from in Ohio for delegates to the Democratic State Convention are reported to be unfavorable to Thurman's aspirations for the Presidency

MARRIED.

PRICE—HORN.—On the 25th inst., in the Hotel Royal, Middletown, by Rev. L. C. Matlock, D. D., R. L. Price and Miss Marion Horn, all of Middletown.

APPLINGER—WEST.—On the 27th inst., in the Presbyterian Church, Middletown, by Rev. John Pattoo, D. D., Lieut. W. Edward Appling, of Odessa, and Miss Carrie West, of Higgins-Crane.—In Brooklyn, New York, April 26th, at the residence of the bride's father, Thomas Higgins, formerly of Dela-

ware, and Mrs. Bessy Hartwell, daughter of James Crane, M. D.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETON GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat, new.....	\$1.40@1.50
Corn, yellow.....	57@59 cts.
Corn, White.....	57 cts.
Oats.....	58@60 cts.
Barley.....	40@42 cts.
Clover.....	12@13 cts.

MIDDLETON PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.

Eggs.....	16@18@20 doz.
Butter.....	25@30cts. per lb.
Lard.....	14@15 cts.
Chickens dressed.....	14@15 cts.
Pork, dressed.....	7@8 cts.
Geese, dressed.....	7@8 cts.
Ducks.....	13@14 cts.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

This is to notify the public that I am closing out LADIES' FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS AT COST.

G. W. NAUDAIN.

Feb. 5—10

FOR CORONER,

DAVID C. ROSE,

of Appoquinimink Hundred.

NATHAN PRATT,
Auditor of Accounts.

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FOR CORONER,

EDWARD H. FOSTER,

of Wilmington Hundred.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic Party of New Castle County.

Feb. 28—in

FOR CORONER,

GEORGE C. WARD,

of Wilmington Hundred.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic Party.

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FOR CORONER,

CHARLES TATMAN JR.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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4 "	2.25	4.50	8.00	12.00	20.00
5 col.	3.50	7.00	10.00	15.00	25.00
6 "	6.00	12.00	18.00	30.00	50.00
7 "	10.00	20.00	35.00	60.00	100.00

Business Locals and Special Notices 10 cents a line for each insertion. Obituaries charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line of eight words. Marriages and deaths inserted free. Terms : Cash in advance, invariably.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1876.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Appointment of Notary.

John A. Reynolds, Esq., of this town, was appointed Notary Public, by Governor Cochran, on Monday. Term, seven years.

Services at St. Augustine.

Divine service will (D. V.) be administered in the P. E. Church, St. Augustine, Md., on to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Skinner, of Elkton.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Ruth F. Enos, wife of Samuel M. Enos, of Odessa, died very suddenly at her residence in that town, on Monday night, of hemorrhage of the lungs. She had been in poor health for several weeks.

Cutting Affair.

In a mule, in Wilmington, on Sunday afternoon, a man named Butcher was stabbed and pretty badly cut by another man named Preston Rash. Whisky was the trouble, and Rash is in jail.

The M. E. Church.

The pulpit of the M. E. Church, in this town, during the absence of Rev. Dr. Matlock, the pastor, in attendance upon the General Conference, which commences its session at Baltimore next Monday, and which will probably continue some four weeks or more, will be supplied by neighboring ministers so that all the services will be continued as usual.

Ended in a Row.

O'Brien's circus, or rather the concert after the circus, did not altogether suit the regular element of its Wilmington audience, and they rushed upon the stage, drove off the actors, and broke up the performance. One circus wagon was upset in the row and one man got his head cut and a peanut stand was demolished. That was all the harm done.

Ran Away.

It is reported that Dick Harrington, lately chief contributor to the editorial department of the Dover *Sentinel*, has left the country for his own, as well as his country's good. Will not some other of the scalawag politicians of Delaware follow his example in this respect? It would be the most patriotic service they are ever likely to render their country.—Milford News.

A Sussex Delegation.

His Excellency the Governor was waited upon, on Thursday, by four gentlemen from Sussex county, two of whom were willing (and anxious) to serve the State in the capacity of Inspector of Weights and Measures for that county. The others came as friends of the applicants. "Strong delegations" of the friends of one or more of the numerous candidates for the office of Recorder of Deeds, which becomes vacant on the 15th of next month, are promised (or threatened) in a short time.

Hold Robbery.

On Monday afternoon, as Mr. James Porter, of Stanton, was driving up Madison street, near Second, in Wilmington, on his way to O'Brien's circus, his horse was seized and stopped by a couple of men, who then sprang into his wagon, and while one held him arms the other deprived him of his watch, a valuable one, and then they both hastily decamped, one taking the direction toward the poor house and the other toward Hedgeville. Mr. Stanton did not know the parties, nor did he give a chase after them. This was certainly a bold highway robbery.—Herald.

Hydrophobia.

Some time ago we told of some pigs belonging to Mr. James Kanely, of the Levels, which had gone mad after having been bitten by a rabid dog. At the time it was feared that more of Mr. K.'s stock had been bitten, and on Wednesday a cow showed unmistakable signs of hydrophobia and had to be killed. Her behavior was very singular. She frothed at the mouth; kept up a constant lowing; would strike her horns violently in the ground, run at any animal or person who went near her, until within a few feet of them, when she would suddenly stop; her eyes grew red and wild and were much swollen, and she seemed to suffer much pain. Mr. B. F. Kanely ended her troubles by shooting her in the head with a revolver.

Bird Saturday.

If this day week could not properly be called a "Black Friday" it might justly be styled a "Bird Saturday." The effects of the cold weather of the previous Wednesday night had just begun to be known and as the growers came in from their orchards the ravages of the frosts were detailed and great injury to the fruits reported. For a long time, in fact almost all day, the prevailing topic of conversation was "Peaches." Whenever two or more men were seen gathered together it was safe enough to guess that they were discussing the Peach Prospect. For two or three years past the peach crop has been, financially, almost a total failure and as it is, in so many instances, the chief dependence of farmers, the brilliant prospect held out last Saturday of the destruction of the fruit and another failure, this year, was enough to cause depression of feeling and to make men look, and feel "blue." The damage done by the frost and cold of Wednesday night of last week was very serious. In some orchards the buds were almost all killed, and one grower who has an orchard of upwards of 7000 trees near town, it is said by persons who have made thorough "investigation" will have scarcely a basket of peaches on all his trees. In some cases one part of an orchard will be badly hurt, while in another there are plenty left. Sometimes in one orchard no material damage will be perceived while in another, in the same vicinity, scarcely any buds remain uninjured. There is, however a good "sprinkling" left yet and if no more damage is done a small crop may be gathered. From what we can learn from examination and hearsay, younger trees seem to have suffered much more severely than older ones, and the yellow varieties are hurt more than the white, except in the case of the smoke which still holds its own pretty well. From present prospects European shipments will not be very heavy.

Middletown and Vicinity Items.

BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER.

A new string band has been organized in Middletown under the leadership of C. E. Foster. Mr. George Price is teacher.

The Town Commissioners have signified their intention to improve the cells under the Town Hall for the summer campaign of tramps.

A visit to the Fair Grounds last week showed that the buildings were in excellent condition. The track is washed a little in some sections, but presents a good appearance.

Walter J. Griffith, of Sassafras Neck, Md., has sold his Kentucke mire "Kate" to Geo. Millington, of New Castle, for \$650. The mare is a good one and shows signs of making a good trotter.

Bethesda M. E. Church of this town is to be repainted and re-papered during the summer months. We understand that the proposed lengthening and erection of a cupola in six good stores, with the aid of town papers.

Captain F. Layman, of the Bayard House hotel, is agitated over the law recently enacted by the Maryland Legislature which takes from hotels all games and plays used for hotel amusements. Even billiards and bagatelle applications must be recommended by twelve freeholders before the game is legal or the license granted. The captain keeps a good hotel in spite of all disadvantages.

But I must not dwell on Chesapeake news, for I am reminded that a live editor is approaching the town and intends starting the "Chesapeake Independent" newspaper in a short time, and will dispense the news to all people thereafter. Indeed, the printing office is partly erected, and we are further informed that the editor, Mr. Winfield Way, is now running a job office in Port Hermon, seven miles below here. The town people look upon the enterprise as an established and universal benefit, and give it their support in its infancy. Mr. Way is in part a newspaper man, having written a great deal for the *Cecil Democrat* and lately for the *New York Herald*. It is my sincere wish that he may meet with untold success in Chesapeake City, and fulfill the dreams of its progressive inhabitants.

A "Social Club" has been organized in Middletown, and has its room over J. B. Clarkson's office on Main street. The Club is run by stockholders, and members are taken in on the payment of the fixed administration fee. A billiard table, chess and checker boards afford games for amusements. It is a deplorable fact, however, that this "Social Club" was permitted to purchase the Middlebury Library and move it to their rooms. Of course, all the Club members have access to the library, but nearly all of the old members have no connection with the Club.

A Flag of Flags.

S. R. Stephens, Esq., has run out a flag in front of his store which he styles a "Centennial Flag" but which, might more appropriately be called an "E. Pluribus Unum" flag, for it is certainly one made of many, being composed of a number of little calico flags representing all nations.

Sale of Odessa Bank Stock.

At the Executors' Sale to close the estate of Jacob Shallock, of Philadelphia, deceased, last week, twenty shares of the capital stock of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa were sold to Jonathan K. Williams, of this Hundred, for \$70.75, being \$20.75 per share over the par value of the stock.

A Defaulter.

Dr. W. D. Nolen, for some years past Collector of United States Revenue at Wilmington, is charged with being a defaulter to the amount of \$5,000. The charge is made by a special treasury agent to the effect that in 1872 a wrecked vessel was taken to Lewes and the salvors were paid their proportion of the reward allowed in such cases, and it is believed that the defaulter has pocketed the sum.

At 1 o'clock, dinner had been disposed of, P. G. A. J. Brown, of New Castle, commenced the programme by calling into line between 250 and 300 Odd Fellows; Middlebury, New Castle, Delaware City, Chestnut City and other towns had delegates present. The Diamond State Band of Middletown, in grey uniform headed the line, and in a short time the parade was commenced to a stirring march by the band. A very good show was made by the paraders, and the town responded with the strains of music.

After the parade, and in the midst of a beating rain, the crowd filed into the Hall of National Lodge No. 32, and the dedicatory ceremonies were conducted by W. M. G. M., Edw C. Moore, of Wilmington, assisted by subordinate officers. After the dedication, addresses were delivered in the M. E. Church by P. G. M., W. B. Hyland, of Wilmington, and George Trox Maxwell, M. D., of New Castle. The former gave the large audience a full and explicit history of the introduction of the order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore in 1809 by Samuel Wilday, an Englishman, and gave his progress in the United States from that time and its benefit to members during the past year.

Dr. Maxwell's address was more of a literary effort, and was received with much pleasure by the audience, who went so far as to escort him at his conclusion.

The May meeting was a success.

Mr. J. Janvier, of the *Wilmington Journal*, was present, and he said that the attack baffled all efforts of the medical gentleman, and he expected about four o'clock that afternoon.

The sad occurrence has been a great shock to our community, Mr. Janvier appearing in excellent health and remarking to a gentleman who rode in with him that morning, that never felt better.

Mr. Janvier was an educated gentleman, of decided literary taste; and President of the Board of County School Commissioners; a lawyer by profession and represented the county in the last Constitutional Convention.

Chesapeake Transcript.

An amusing scene occurred in a Salisbury church last Sunday. A gentleman, who felt sleep stealing over his sensibilities, the minister was preaching, thought to resist its influences by chewing a clove, which usually had the effect of restoring him. He put the clove between his teeth and shut down, when there was an explosion that startled the audience. He had substituted the head of a parrot for a clove.—*Eastern Shoreman.*

Maryland Affairs.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Wednesday morning last Mr. William Janvier, who has been attending Court as a Petit Juryman, while sitting in the court room listening to a case being tried before the Court, was attacked with paralysis.

Whaland and Perkins were soon in attendance and he was born to the grand jury room and from thence to the residence of Wm. N. E. Wickes, Esq.

The attack baffled all efforts of the medical gentleman, and he expected about four o'clock that afternoon.

As the result of his enterprise he had a "big run" of cash customers all day.

Some call for the good old Democratic hard money we made before breakfast, and when it became known that he meant what he said and was actually making all change in silver, buyers flocked on him, anxious to see once more the money of their childhood. In some few cases the parties had not seen the Tassie and did not know the "resumption," and when the silver was paid out to them they could scarcely "believe their own eyes."

One darky woman looked at it shook her head, and refused to take it, thinking, as she said, that the clerk was only showing it to her; but when told to take it, she exclaimed: "Well, did I ever expect to see die day."

Deed to hab' d' kind of money when I was a little bit old child."

Mr. R. still keeps up the resumption, and gets more coin as fast as it is needed. He intends to keep it going as long as possible. People have hardly got sufficiently well acquainted with it to use it freely and will probably hold it back for awhile, but they will use it after a few days, and the third is used for the Lodge room.

ALLEN.

Accidents.

Mr. Charles P. Cochran's horse ran away with him while going home from town last Friday night, upsetting the carriage and throwing the inmate out. Mr. C. was somewhat severely, but not seriously hurt, and the carriage was pretty badly broken.

T. C. Murphy's carriage also met with an accident a few days ago. He was visiting at Mr. D. J. Murphy's at Newark, and the latter in taking the horse from the carriage forgot to unscrew some portion of the harness, which, when the horse started to walk out of the shafts, was dragged down on him, badly frightening him and causing him to run away. The carriage struck against a tree, and the top was demolished.

New Castle Presbytery.

The lady portion of Middletown's population was made happy this week, by two more church weddings. The first was that of Mr. L. Price and Miss Marion Hurn, in the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Dr. Matlock. Miss Hurn being the leader of the choir and a great favorite in the M. E. Church, and having a large circle of friends "outside;" the church was filled to overflowing with spectators and well-wishers on the occasion of her wedding. The church had been tastefully trimmed and presented quite a cheerful appearance. The bride and groom were sensibly attired in travelling dress and at the end of the ceremony took the cars for a short bridal trip previous to settling down to the routine of married life. Mr. Samuel Price and Miss Mary Price, brother and sister of the groom, acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids.

Thursday afternoon Capt. W. E. Appling and Miss Carrie West were married in the Presbyterian church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Patton, the pastor.

This church had also been beautifully trimmed and looked very pretty in its dress of evergreens and flowers. An arch trimmed with blossoms from fruit trees suspended from the centre, stood in front of the pulpit, or rather where the pulpit, which had been removed, usually stands, and the platform was covered with flowers, two pretty little white terra cotta figures of boys with baskets of growing flowers upon their heads adding greatly to the beauty of the decorations. A wedding march was played on the organ as the captain and his lovely bride passed up the aisle, unaccompanied by other attendants than the ushers, and took their position beneath the mentioned arch where Dr. Patton joined them in that union which the laws of God and the church require shall be lasting as life.

Within two weeks Middletown has had three church weddings, one in each church, so none of the clergymen have been slighted.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Dover in September.

Wanderings of "Alexis."

Correspondence of the "Transcript."

CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD., April 27, 1876.
I arrived in Chesapeake City last Sunday and found some of its inhabitants attending the usual devotions, notwithstanding the lawlessness that was visible among them.

At the wharves, ready to be "locked in," lay a large number of boats, among them ten twelve loaded with oysters, which were to be planted in Delaware bay. The transfer of these bivalves is not so heavy this season as last. One old sea captain said that he saw 80,000 bushels shipped through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal last year when 20,000 was being shipped this year. The difference was not accounted for.

Business during the winter was good, though the Fair Grounds last week showed that the buildings were in excellent condition. The track is washed a little in some sections, but presents a good appearance.

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Agricultural.

[Written for the Transcript by one of the most experienced farmers, gardeners and fruit growers in the United States.]

STRAWBERRIES.

It is not generally known among farmers and village residents that there are male and female strawberry plants; and that the two sexes must grow near each other, or the female (pistillate) plants will produce very imperfect fruit little of it. One male (staminate) row to four pistillates will suffice. But when staminate plants are grown they produce full crops of themselves; and most of our best strawberries are of the male sex. The sexes may be known on sight by the blossoms—the female having a small delicate flower without stamens; and the males a much larger flower covered with stamens. It used to be claimed that the most productive varieties, when fertilized by staminate, are the pistillate; but my experience contradicts that theory; but it is important, when obtaining new varieties, to ascertain the sex, and act accordingly.

The fertilizing of the pistillates is effected by bees and other insects carrying the pollen of the male flowers to the female flowers. The three most popular market varieties in the vicinity of New York, are the Wilson, Jucunda, and Charles Downing, all having staminate.

THE ACTION OF PLASTER.

The action of plaster (gypsum) is involved in a good deal of mystery.

The theory has been held by many

scientific men, that it merely attracts,

and absorbs the ammonia in the atmosphere.

Prof Liebig, the noted German agricultural chemist, held this view

of its action; but whatever its virtues

may be, it shows the best results when applied upon the surface of the ground, and especially on grass lands, clover in particular. The quantity may be 100 to 200 pounds per acre, applied in the spring, avoiding sowing any on low, wet lands. Plaster is also a valuable fertilizer when applied to corn immediately after the first hoeing, about half of a table-spoonful to a hill. An experiment was made on the Michigan State Agricultural College farm, showing the result of sowing plaster on grassland, in comparison with other fertilizers, which were applied one year only, and the grass carefully weighed the following three seasons, with the following results: On the plot to which no manure or fertilizer was applied, the total weight of hay per acre was 8,740 pounds. Where two bushels of plaster were applied, the yield was 13,226 pounds, a gain of 4,484 pounds. Where five bushels of wood ashes were applied the yield per acre was 12,007 pounds, a gain of 4,165 pounds. Where twenty loads of horse manure where laid on, the yield was 14,656 pounds, a gain of 2,224 pounds. From this statement it appears that two bushels of plaster produced over two-thirds as much increase, as 20 loads of horse manure, worth ten times as much as the plaster cost. Old pasture fields can often be made to produce luxuriant grasses by the use of plaster; but all lands are not equally benefited by its application.

SOILING CROPS.

Why the growing of green crops, to feed to stock in their green state, should be called "soiling" I do not know; but it is so called, and we will not disturb the name. The most profitable soiling crop for cows in corn, the sweet variety being considered best by those who have grown it. When a man owns a small farm, and is short of good pasture, it is decidedly the cheapest way to soil his cows for a few months. He can commence on oats sown very early, then feed clover, and finish on corn sown at different times, so that the last crop will be cut as late as the season will admit. Cows that are soiled should have a yard to exercise in; and their manure should be gathered daily, and placed where it will be preserved. Probably the extra manure saved will pay for cutting the feed, and attending to the cows. Corn may be sown broadcast, two bushels to the acre, or in drills about 30 inches apart, between which a cultivator should be run. Large dairies may also be soiled to advantage, where one has not sufficient pasture lands. At a Convention of Dairymen at Utica, N.Y., a member said: "I sold a pure bred Jersey cow last season. The basis of the food employed was grass and grain. She was fed well but did not over-eat, and all surplus food was removed from the manger, leaving none to sour. My conclusions were, that by having comfortable stables and giving the animals good feed and care, the product of cows by soiling could be increased 33 per cent."

OLD ORCHARDS.

In many places old orchards exist which bear but little fruit, and very poor in quality. Many of the trees, perhaps, are decaying and useless, number the ground.

We look around expecting to see a fine thrifty young orchard growing up, with choice grafted fruit, to replace the old one; but the young trees do not exist on hundreds of farms, whose owners do not seem to know what their interest, nor for the interests of their children, who are to succeed them on the "old homestead." Even 1800 years ago

farmers knew enough to renew their fruit orchards, as it is written of barren trees, "cut them down, why number they the ground?" yet here in the United States, in the nineteenth century, with horticultural papers offered to farmers for a mere trifle, do they not seem to know enough, in many places, to cut down an old fruit tree, when it is utterly useless, and plant a new one in its place, or rather in some new place, as it is not advisable to set a young orchard where an old one grew. And when you do set your young orchards, don't make a failure of them by obtaining cheap trees, with no reliability as to kinds of fruit.

HUNGARIAN GRASS.

Hungarian grass, or millet, makes excellent hay, if cut before the seed ripens.

Sow from the last week in May to June 10, at the rate of half a bushel of seeds to the acre; and it will be ready to cut in August. Sometimes three or four tons of hay are grown per acre; and it never injures stock if cut when the seed just assumes its full form.

It may be sown earlier, but it requires quick vegetation to grow up ahead of wild grasses and weeds, which early sowing does not always effect.

TO KEEP SWINE HEALTHY.

Give hogs plenty of pure water to drink, and keep within their reach equal parts of wood ashes, common salt and flour of sulphur, and you need not fear hog cholera, nor any other disease.

Humorous.

"How do you keep your wife from finding you out?" asked the old college friend of another, after they had both married a few months. "By always being at home at proper hours," was the conclusive reply.

"What did you do that again for?" said a gentleman to a friend who a second time picked up and was burned by a hot poker. "Because I wanted to know what it was that burned me the first time," was the reply.

"What are you about here, you old bean barrel, and where are you going?" said a gentleman to a confirmed sort.

"Oh! I'm a bear barrel am I?" sneered the old toper; "that accounts for you trying so hard to pump me."

A Scotch student, supposed to be deficient in judgment, was asked by a professor, in the course of his examination, how he would discover a fool. "By the questions he would ask," was the prompt and highly suggestive reply.

An Oriental having brought a blush to a maiden's cheek by the earnestness of his gaze, said to her: "My looks have planted roses in your cheeks; why forbid me to gather them? The law permits him who sows to reap the harvest."

A youth applauded a dancer with rapture, and bawled out "Encore!" as she leaped off the stage after turning a graceful pirouette. "So you think one good turn deserves another," said a person who sat in the same box with him.

A paper advertises thus: "Run Away—A hired man, named John; his nose turned up five feet eight inches high and bad on a pair of corduroy pants much worn." How that nose must have looked, dressed up in corduroy pants!

An Irish woman, giving evidence of some persons threatening to break open her door, said: "I say to them, ye rascals, 'Don't break the door open, for I'm all alone by myself, wid me six children, and husband that's out at his work.'"

Certain young blackguards of the Hague having amused themselves by throwing mud at well-dressed people on the promenade, the Superintendent of Police issued a request that "respectable citizens wear their shabbiest garments, in order to remove all cause of offence."

We recently read a dramatic criticism, which, in speaking of the omission of the music of an operetta, said that "it suffered from the injudicious application of the harmonic pruning knife." Harmonic pruning knife is good; but did not the critic mean to say harmonic tuning-fork?

"I am weary, now—my poor, tired brain needs rest," said old MacStinger to a pretty young school teacher who was boarding in the family; "will you take me to your room, dear, where there is a fire, and read Milton's 'Paradise Lost' to me while I seek repose?"

"I'll rest your poor, tired brain with this rolling pin if you don't get out of this—you miserable, old, deceitful hypocrite!" remarked Mrs. MacStinger, emerging from the pantry very unexpectedly. "Give the old man a chance, can't you?" yelled the boy, who was taking a slide down the bannisters.

BEN TO SURREY—He caught a chair after a short race, and sat down. "Where have you been?" That's the first question before they say they are going home to their father, but he had an answer that would have stunned any woman living:

"I'm Presbyter's supper" "What? Who did you go with?" "Wizze boys."

"Boys! What boys?" "Alle boys; Presbytary Morotors."

Here Mrs. W. bowed the frill of her night cap and wept, and he explained, between convulsive jerks at his boots: "Soo say crying. Good company Ben Mortorator 'e couldn't say Ten Commandments. Lost my money. Took another drink. Went in my head. Ladies all helmed."

"Oh, Charles! another woman held your head?" "Sobs."

"Now, Maria, don't be a fool. Who said nuzes'oman helmedhead?"

"Why, you said so yourself." More sobs.

"Never I'm a farral liar. Tell you truth this. Selome Bob," and doubtless he hadn't gone dead to sleep while he was talking.

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